

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2796 - SB 2661

March 10, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes members of the General Assembly to nominate to the Governor two persons each year, instead of only one, for the Tennessee Tri-Star General Award.

Requires a county attorney to consult with and advise elected county officials, their deputies, and their employees as to the proper application and enforcement of federal and state laws that are pertinent to carrying out the duties of such county officials' respective offices.

Decreases the time period a county has to post revisions to its charter of incorporation on its website from three months to two months.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown factors, any mandatory increase to local expenditures due to requiring a county attorney to consult and advise county officials and employees cannot be reasonably determined.*

Assumptions:

- Changing, from one to two, the number of nominations to the Governor allowed by each General Assembly member will not result in any significant impact to state government.
- In the event that a county attorney is not a salaried employee, requiring the attorney to consult and advise elected officials, their deputies, and their employees may result in an increase to legal expenses incurred by the county. Due to multiple unknown factors such as which counties employ an attorney, which contract with an attorney, the rate of such a contract, and how many hours a contracted attorney will work to fulfill the requirements of the proposed legislation, any mandatory increase to local expenditures cannot be reasonably determined.
- Requiring a county to post revisions to its charter on its website within two months rather than three months is not expected to have any fiscal impact to local government.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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